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THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

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The effects of community cooperation and guidance through the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications were evident in such now standard practices as the announcement and government-wide sharing of scarce foreign publications, in the reduction of duplication in field procurement effort, and in the prompt delivery to requesters of foreign publications with immediate bearing on intelligence research and operational problems. The procurement programs of 25 non-TAC departments and agencies were coordinated with the joint State-CIA facility for headquarters management of the publications procurement program of the Foreign Service. The Department of State announced plans to reconstitute the London and Cairo Publication Procurement Officer posts and to continue the Moscow, Berlin, Paris, New Delhi, and Hong Kong posts.

Soviet publications are now being received in increasing numbers, including titles hitherto prohibited for export. Scientific information related to Soviet thermonuclear research, nuclear energy, and guided missiles is contained in some of these new materials. In the economic field, production information and statistical data are now often reported in hard figures rather than in ambiguous percentages as heretofore. Similar relaxation of controls is not yet apparent with respects to Chinese and European Satellite publications but is expected. Redirection of exploitation emphasis has been made to cover this new source material in accord with the priority national intelligence objectives.

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